



Fredericks, Bronwyn L. (1996) With the house.

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Within the house

Knocked down the house
Blood of a woman
Splattered clothes
Forced entry
The walls all torn
The house shattered
Crushed
One of the gardens almost destroyed
Blood seeps through her tears
Each month
On the lunar cycle
One of the symbols of womanhood
So vividly reminds...
 the housekeeper of a past intrusion.

Bronwyn Fredericks